Height of Tehri Dam

*532. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an eminent environmentalist and his followers have been demanding that the Tehri Dam height should be reduced so that the submergence area of the dam is automatically reduced and a few people are uprooted; and

(b) if so. Government's reaction to their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) Demands have been made by some environmentalists for reducing the height of the Tehri Dam. Reduction in dam height is not technically feasible at the existing location on account of the Spillway arrangement, and it could also endanger the safety of the dam.

Census publications relating to Goa

*533. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the list of publications relating to Goa which have been finalised by Census Department, pertaining to the Census, 2001;

(b) the likely date of finalisation of unfinished publications; and

(c) the list of census publications relating to Goa, if any, which have not yet been finalised pertaining to the 1991, 1981 or 1971 census operations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAM1): (a) and (b) The Provisional Population Totals, Paper 1 of 2001 of Goa has been finalised and printed. Provisional Population Totals, Paper 2 of 2001 Census giving Rural-Urban break up of population of Goa is under print and is likely to be available by September, 2001. Provisional Population Totals, Paper 3 of 2001 of Goa is under preparation and is expected to be available by November. 2001.

(c) All publications relating to Goa for the 1971 and 1981 Censuses have been published. The following 1991 Census publications for Goa, although finalised, are yet to be printed.

(i) Part VI	Fertility Tables
(ii) Part VIII (ii)	Special Tables on Scheduled Tribes
(iii) Part IX A	State level Town Directory
(iv) Part IV-B (i)	Language Table

The data included in these publications, is however available to the data users in electronic format.

New transmission projects by PGCIL

*534. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) proposes to invite bids for the new transmission projects;

(b) the number of projects, their cost and the regions/States proposed to be covered by each of them; and

(c) whether any global bidder has submitted its 'expression of interest for these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU) : (a) to (c) POWERGRID has recently invited 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) for eight transmission system projects which would be offered to private investors for their implementation through Independent Private Transmission Company (IPTC) route. The names of these projects, their estimated cost and the likely beneficiary regions are given in Statement *{See* below), in response to POWERGRID's invitation, seventeen parties have submitted their EOI, which include eight multinational bidders. Based on the response received, project specific tenders will be invited by POWERGRID from the interested parties.

Statement

List of Projects for Solicitation of Expression of Interest on 16-08-200]

SI. No.	Name of Projects	Estimated Cost (In Million INR)	Likely Beneficiary Regions
1	2	3	4
1.	Transmission System for Sipat-I (1980 MW)	27300	WR
2.	Transmission System for Rihand-H (1000 MW)	11400	NR
3.	Transmission System for Maithon Right Bank (1000 MW)	6200	NR